



# SYNOPSIS

## Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 28, 2015  
Schedule 11**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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### **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 28, 2015**

**SB 116 Senator Pugh**

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2013 AND 2014 – BALTIMORE CITY – SKATEPARK OF BALTIMORE AT ROOSEVELT PARK**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 to change the grantees of the grants for the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore; extending the deadline to June 1, 2016, for the grantee to present evidence of a specified matching fund; making this Act an emergency measure; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

Chapter 424 of the Acts of 2013, § 1(3) Item ZA02(W) and Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2014, § 1(3) Item ZA02(Z) and Item ZA03(X) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SB 117     Senators Hershey and Eckardt****CAROLINE COUNTY AND DORCHESTER COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Caroline County or Dorchester County to hunt any game bird or game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday on specified land during the open season for that game bird or game mammal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 118     Senator Feldman, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION – REGULATION OF FEES AND CHARGES**

Authorizing the Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt regulations about payment for the examination of a covered employee and the preparation of a report by a medical expert engaged by a party; authorizing the Commission to regulate fees and other charges for examinations and the preparation of reports by medical experts under specified provisions of law; and prohibiting specified fees and charges from varying based on the party responsible for paying the fee or charge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, § 9-663 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 119     Senator Brochin, et al****HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – PREMIUM TAX AND TRANSFER OF PREMIUM TAX EXEMPTION VALUE – REPEAL**

Repealing a specified tax on premiums of for-profit health maintenance organizations; repealing provisions of law that require specified nonprofit health maintenance organizations to transfer funds in an amount equal to the value of a specified premium tax exemption to the Medical Assistance Program Account, require the funds to be allocated in a specified manner, and require the health maintenance organizations to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a report establishing transfer of the funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HG and IN, Various Sections - amended and repealed and Chapter 5 of the Acts of the Special Session of 2004, §§ 6 and 8 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 120 Harford County Senators****HARFORD COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF OPERATION**

Altering the length of time a school bus may be operated in Harford County under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 7-804 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 121 Senator Norman, et al****COURTS – DISCOVERY – EXAMINATION IN AID OF ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENT**

Prohibiting a circuit court and the District Court, in ruling on a certain request by a judgment creditor for an examination in aid of enforcement of a specified judgment, from requiring the judgment creditor to show that good cause exists for the examination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 11-404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 122 Senator Eckardt, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – REGULATION OF MILK PRODUCTS – REVISIONS**

Altering specified definitions related to the regulation of milk products; repealing the limitation on the number of milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may issue; repealing the requirement that an applicant for a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit operate a dairy farm with no more than 120 cows or goats in the herd; repealing the limit on the number of times a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit may be renewed; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, §§ 21-401, 21-416.1, and 21-417 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 123     Senators Brochin and Jennings****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – ADOPTION OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Authorizing a public high school in Baltimore County to adopt a school schedule for that school; requiring the principal of a public high school to convene a school schedule committee to study and recommend a school schedule; providing for the 20–member school schedule committee and the election and appointment of specified members of a committee; providing for the duties of a school schedule committee; requiring the adoption of a school schedule by a specified vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 124     Senator Gladden****VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND PARKING PLACARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS**

Authorizing a licensed physical therapist to certify specified medical conditions of an applicant for a special disability registration number and special disability registration plates and for specified parking placards; requiring the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to be responsible for the development and maintenance of a database system with which the Motor Vehicle Administration can interface and verify licensure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 13-616(a), (b)(1) and (2), and (m), 13-616.1(a) and (k), and 13-616.2(a), (b), (c), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 125     Senator Gladden****VEHICLE LAWS – WINDOW TINTING RESTRICTIONS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLE OWNER’S FAMILY**

Expanding the medical necessity exemption from the prohibition against operating specified vehicles with window tinting to apply the exemption to a member of the vehicle owner’s immediate family; clarifying language; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 22-406(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 126 Senator Gladden****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ORIANDA MANSION PRESERVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Orianda Mansion, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 127 Senator Gladden****HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE – CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF QUALIFIED EXPERT – OBJECTION**

Establishing when objections to a certificate of a qualified expert or expert report must be filed in health care malpractice cases; and requiring a party to file a legally sufficient certificate of a qualified expert and report within 30 days after an arbitration panel chairman or the court rules a certificate or report legally insufficient.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-2A-04(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 128 Senator Gladden****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GET INVOLVED COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of New Miracle Christian Community Church, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Get Involved Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 129 Senator Gladden****CRIMINAL LAW – DESECRATION OF HUMAN REMAINS – PENALTY**

Prohibiting a person from willfully damaging or destroying human remains; providing for specified exceptions; and establishing a penalty not to exceed 5 years or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both for violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 10-405 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 130 Senator Gladden****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SHIELDING – MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS**

Authorizing a person to request that specified court records and police records relating to a specified conviction be shielded at a specified time; providing that, if a specified person is convicted of a new crime during a specified time period, a specified original conviction is not eligible for shielding unless the new conviction becomes eligible for shielding; requiring the Court of Appeals, by rule, to establish procedures relating to the filing of a specified request for shielding; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 10-301 through 10-305 and GP, § 4-327 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 131 Senator Gladden****BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – TUITION WAIVERS – GRADUATES OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

Requiring an exemption from the payment of tuition at the Baltimore City Community College for any student eligible for in-State tuition who is a graduate of a Baltimore City public high school; and requiring that a specified individual be counted in computing full-time equivalent enrollment at the Baltimore City Community College if the individual is enrolled in a class that is eligible for State support.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 16-514 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 132     Senators Brochin and Raskin****SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – LOCAL DESIGNEES – HEARING AND APPROVAL**

Making a local jurisdiction's designation of an official or employee to investigate and respond to questions or concerns about the local jurisdiction's speed monitoring system program subject to the approval of the governing body of the local jurisdiction following a public hearing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(ix) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 133     Senator Edwards****ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS STORAGE FACILITY**

Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund, in fiscal years 2016 and thereafter, to be used to pay a 87.5% of the total cost of projects relating to combined sewer overflows abatement, rehabilitation of existing sewers, and upgrading specified conveyance systems; and generally relating to the use of funds in the Bay Restoration Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 9-1605.2(i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 134     Senator Edwards, et al****OPEN SPACE INCENTIVE PROGRAM – PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES**

Repealing specified provisions that provide counties with a percentage of revenues derived from a State forest or park reserve and concession operations within a county; requiring specified payments to counties for State forests, parks, and wildlife management areas that are exempt from the property tax; providing for a payment of \$250,000 for each open space unit in the county beginning in fiscal year 2017; establishing the manner of determining which land is considered in determining the amount of the payment; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, §§ 5-212 and 5-212.1 - amended and TP, §§ 6.5-101 through 6.5-301 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 135**     **Senator Astle****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND  
HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, under specified conditions, Anne Arundel County correctional officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring Anne Arundel County correctional officers to submit specified medical disclosures to the Anne Arundel County Sheriff; allowing benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 9-503(b) and (e) and 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance